Assembly Bill No. 1243

CHAPTER 1144

An act to amend Section 1151.5 of the Government Code, relating to public employment.

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AB 1243, Wiggins. Public employment: payroll deductions.

Existing law provides that a state employee may authorize deductions to be made from his or her salary or wages for payment for support of an employee's child, family, or former spouse, and for other purposes as specified.

This bill would provide that a public agency, which is defined to include counties, cities, municipal corporations, political subdivisions, public districts, and other public agencies of the state, may establish wage deduction programs for the purpose of payment for the support, maintenance, or care of an employee's child, children, family, or former spouse for whom the employee has a duty of support, payment of an employee's wages pursuant to a court order, and payment of an employee's loan or obligation to a commercial lending institution.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1151.5 of the Government Code is amended to read:

- 1151.5. (a) In addition to deductions authorized pursuant to Section 1151, a state employee may authorize deductions to be made from salaries or wages for payment for the support, maintenance, or care of the employee's child, children, family, or former spouse for whom the employee has a duty of support. A service charge may be assessed for this deduction.
- (b) A public agency may establish payroll deduction programs for any of the following purposes:
- (1) Payment for the support, maintenance, or care of an employee's child, children, family, or former spouse for whom the employee has a duty of support.
 - (2) Payment of an employee's legal judgment.

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- (3) Garnishment or deduction of an employee's wages pursuant to a court order.
- (4) Payment of an employee's loan or obligation to a commercial lending institution.